

# Minutes Bureau Meeting 10 November 2018

## Madrid

Present: Svenja Hahn, President (SH), Lena Höglund, Treasurer (LH), Antoaneta Asenova, Bureau Member (AA), Deimante Rimkute, Bureau Member (DR), Pau Castellví Canet, Bureau Member (PCC), Dan-Aria Sucuri, Bureau Member (DAS)

Also present: Danica Vihinen, Secretary General (DV)

### 1. wrap up ALDE Party Congress and Councils (SH, AA, all)

#### Extra council in Brussels

SH : PDECAT excluded, JNC officially notified us they intend to stay in LYMEC, we will monitor what PDECAT will do and PCC will keep us updated on any developments.

#### Council Madrid

SH: was OK, SH and AA defended LYMEC position on Spitzenkandidaten process, but as we went for the team of candidates, they suggested the team must be elected and also that it should be like a shadow cabinet, top people for the top spots.

Last or second last weekend in February extra congress to elect the team. Process unclear, SH suggested the same as was envisaged for the Spitzenkandidat.

Romania: Rule of law and LGBTIQ rights were the issues, will be measured on their actions and the decision is postponed to spring congress.

New parties accepted, should look into if we can support the LMS youth network.

#### Congress:

SH: AA did an amazing job preparing and executing. LYMEC was one of the most active delegations, all our delegates were very well prepared for each session. Have gotten much positive feedback.

LH: AA did a great job at preparing the delegation. We have made a good impression also on the external stakeholders. Two delegates did not attend: Mitja Shoulz had a death in the family and Kristo Enn Vaga did not show up, neither did he participate in the preparations on beforehand. The two votes were transferred to bureau members (AA and DR) in accordance with LYMEC practice as they had followed the preparations.

AA: the amendments that did not pass were not our red lines, we managed to get a lot in and especially the amended migration part did have a lot of our fingerprints on it.

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## 2. wrap up Alumni event (SH, LH)

LH : 40 euro profit

SH : Unfortunate that it wasn't that successful, should have advertised earlier as people already had obligations.

Next year: plan early, make sure we can have it in the congress location or as an official after party, let's get it in the official program. Good thing we organised it as we now have a tradition to build on

## 3. 1. session of YCA (DV, PCC, DR)

PCC : sent draft by email, speakers suggestions: Laura Owen and / or Emily Death, party relations officer (SH will ask Mark Neither), and one or two speakers on rhetorics, PCC will start by contacting Kamran Ullah. For the speech writing Conor Neill

SH: Suggestion to organise LYMEC drinks as a networking event after dinner on Friday.

DV will try to book London Calling, we will call it LYMEC alumni and friends networking drinks.

DV will ask Microsoft if we can do the event in their office.

AA will look into the list of participants

## 4. digital platform for YCA (DR)

DR gave recap of the options she looked into and sent by mail.

Discussion on different platforms and what we need.

LH: To use ALDE Party PIA it should be on our own website and something built for us. Will check with Andrew what can be done.

SH: We would prefer something on our own website, could be a possibility to renew the website in the same go. If it doesn't work, we will have to go with an external provider.

## 5. Update Congresses 2019 (DV)

- Spring Brussels : First meeting with local organisers, has asked them to get hotel offers and update on the Belgian electoral law. Check Open VLD office as venue

- autumn London : SH, DV had a meeting with Ben Whitlock. Plan is to try to get their parliamentary group to pay for Friday

Open the call in June, close in mid August to have time for visas. Lords will send visa invitations.

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## 6. Youth Forum GA (DV, DR)

SH: Trust DV, DR to make decisions on spot if needed.

## 7. IMS Reform (SH, DV, PCC, EM, DS)

SH: will move on with implementation. Had a meeting with the delegates that was not too productive due to disagreements within IMS delegates. DAS will move on with the communications strategy.

## 8. assistant for Office (DV, LH)

- schedule for next normal assistant DV: the call needs to be sent soon as the interviews have to be in early January to get all papers to Bruxelles Formation in time for the person to start at the beginning of February.
- situation of getting extra assistant: LH discussed with CIS but they have too many interns in Brussels already. No response from SBF yet. Three MEPs all interested. Continues investigating.

## 9. Reports of Member Organisations

DR : LDLU interested in hosting congress in 2020.  
LH: CS new president, ERPY new president.  
SH: JUNOS new IO  
DAS: LUF will elect new bureau in Lund

## 10. Invitations and Cooperation (all)

- JAM, EM will go
- Malta, DV will go to youth congress
- Microsoft: DV and SH had a meeting with their representatives, the objectives were to use their office space for events, to get a speaker for the Paris event, and get a "protecting the campaign" training for YCA 2
- IRI: LH: interested in sponsoring congress dinner, central European road show, would like to have someone for an event in Bratislava
- FNF western Balkans: SH spoke to the director, will have a call in a few weeks, interested in the Sarajevo event possibly others as well.
- FNF Europe, SH met with the new director
- LH: Stuart and YELP interested in cooperation. SH: The policy summer school could be a good place for this
- LH: AT&T open to cooperation, and we should stay in contact with AmCham EU
- AA: Nicolas from LibDems will send us info on some app that he is working on for canvassing. SH: not really usable for our needs but good to have the information

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AA: Lousewies offered to give a training at an event of ours  
LH: Facebook interested in the YCA  
PCC will possibly give a training to Momentum when in Budapest

### **11. Any other business (all)**

- Erasmus+ Application 2019: Deadline is 6 December 2019 so office will be busy
- Europost interview: SH gave an interview, will get to see it before print on Monday. Some sensitive questions about Macron but tried to answer diplomatically
  - Payment machine: Didn't arrive, DV will contact the company to have it delivered to the office instead
  - SH: next meetings 26.11 (normal meeting) and 9.12 (looking into events next year only)

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